

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

Upcoming 2018 News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 12	Mar 12
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Aug	Sep 21	Sep 25
Sep	Oct 19	Oct 23
Oct	Nov 16	Nov 20
Nov	Dec 21	Dec 27
Dec	Jan 18	Jan 23

Iowa Nonfarm Employment by Quarter

		Average Employment	Percent Change from Prior Qtr
2016	Qtr 1	1,570,100	0.4%
	Qtr 2	1,568,600	-0.1%
	Qtr 3	1,572,600	0.3%
	Qtr 4	1,571,700	-0.1%
2017	Qtr 1	1,579,600	0.5%
	Qtr 2	1,581,600	0.1%
	Qtr 3	1,588,400	0.4%
	Qtr 4	1,593,200	0.3%

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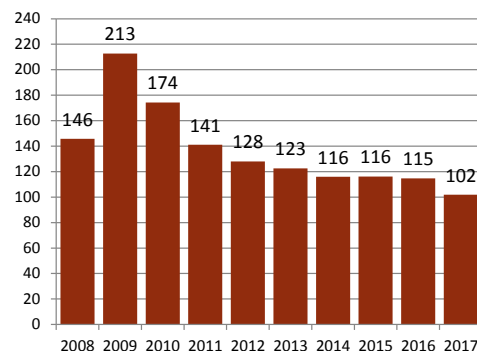
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- Iowa's unemployment rate decreased to 2.8 percent in December. The state's jobless rate was 3.5 percent one year ago.
- The number of employed Iowans increased to 1,637,800 in December from 1,637,600 in November.
- The U.S. unemployment rate remained at 4.1 percent in December.

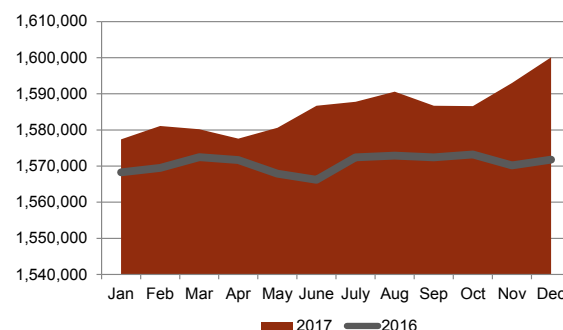
Unemployment Insurance Recipients* Regular UI Only (in thousands)



*Recipients represents the number of persons receiving at least one UI benefit payment during the calendar year.

- The number of UI benefit recipients declined from 114,769 in 2016 to 101,825 in 2017. This is the lowest recipient count since 1999.
- Production workers in Iowa's factories averaged \$834.58 per week in pay, up \$35.13 compared to one year ago. Wage gains have been greater for workers in durable goods factories versus non-durable goods workers.
- Production workers in Iowa's retail sector averaged \$400.99 per week in wages, \$29.11 more than last year.
- U.S. total nonfarm payroll gained 148,000 jobs in December and is up 2.1 million jobs annually.

Iowa Total Nonfarm Employment January 2016 - December 2017



- Total nonfarm employment gained 7,100 jobs and follows another large gain of 6,400 last month.
- Manufacturing added jobs for the fourth consecutive month. In total, 3,300 jobs were added. Most were in durable goods factories (+2,400).
- Healthcare and social assistance added 1,600 jobs. This sector has expanded throughout the year and is now up 6,700 jobs annually.
- Construction again shrank (-1,300) and is now down 7,500 jobs since last December.
- Leisure and hospitality added 1,000 jobs this month and remains markedly higher than last year's mark (+6,600).
- 28,300 jobs have been added in Iowa since last year. 11,700 have been in factories.

Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates—2017

